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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WHITE

1. The attached memorandum from Personnel furnishes comments on a legislative proposal affecting the retirement system.
2. The Personnel memorandum is somewhat involved. In brief, the bill is intended to prevent abuses which are possible at present. A person who is already eligible to get civil service retirement annuities can now qualify for Social Security annuities as well. For example, a person who has been retired under civil service retirement can obtain Social Security coverage by merely getting a temporary Federal appointment. This is because persons holding Federal positions with temporary tenure are automatically under Social Security.
3. As the Personnel summary points out, the bill if enacted, would not deprive people of Social Security annuities if such persons were in employment covered under the Social Security Act prior to obtaining appointments which require civil service retirement deductions. Additionally, the bill does not preclude Social Security coverage for persons who have had some civil service retirement type employment as long as their work in the latter category was of such duration that they had not yet acquired annuity eligibility.
4. Personnel points out that sometimes for cover reasons it may be desirable that Agency personnel be placed on Social Security rather than civil service retirement deduction status. The only time this would be prevented as a result of the proposed legislation, would be if an individual had so much previous Government service under the civil service retirement system that he was eligible for full retirement annuity. This would not be a normal circumstance.
5. Recommend that you forward to the Legislative Counsel with the accompanying transmittal which, in effect, advises that no action would appear to be called for by his office.

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